

THE READING RAILROAD.

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders—The Report of the Managers for the Year ending November 30, 1866, Etc.

This morning, at 12 o'clock, the stockholders of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad held their annual meeting at their office, corner of Fourth street and Willing's alley.

The following tabular statement in detail, for each branch of traffic, shows the comparative results of the year—

Table with columns for Year, Passengers, Freight, and Receipts. Rows include 1865 and 1866 data.

The percentage of expenses is increased chiefly by a reduction of 21 per cent. in the charges for transporting coal.

The receipts and expenses of each, per passenger and per ton, have been as follows:—

Table comparing 1865 and 1866 passenger and freight costs and receipts.

The result of the year's business, as condensed from the Transportation and Income Account, may be stated thus:—

Table showing Receipts over cost of working the road, Interest on bonds, and other financial items.

Dividend fund, 1866... \$2,500,000.00. Total reserved fund, 1866... \$4,173,444.44.

The coal traffic for the past year opened with moderate activity, and so continued until September, when it was evident that a continuation of the same ratio of increase to the end of the year would overstock the market.

The three large and commodious wharves which last year were in the course of construction have been completed.

In pursuance of the policy announced in previous reports, the railroad of the Union Canal Company has been purchased, extending three miles northward from Pine Grove to the junction of the Lehigh and Good Spring Railroads.

chase of the bonds as opportunities offered. They have now been all cancelled, the amount is restored to income account.

For the greater security of bondholders, the following mode of registration of bonds maturing after 1871 has been adopted, to take effect on the 15th instant, viz:—

An agreement was this Fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1867, between the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, of the first part, and the undersigned, holder of the following—percent coupon bonds of the party of the first part, dated the day of... and payable on the day of...

Witness the hands and seals of the said parties, respectively, the day and year first above written.

After making the deductions from income account, previously stated, for rolling stock, etc., and the declaration of two semi-annual dividends of five per cent. each, there remains a reserved fund of \$1,603,255 56-100.

A portion of the surplus will be required to meet the 2 bonds, amounting to \$408,000, which are payable in London on the first of July next.

The day after Christmas is known in London as "Boxing-Day." It is a holiday which has grown up within a few years.

Preservation of Butter in France.—On this subject the Journal of the Society of Arts contains one part of sugar, one part of salt, and two parts of water, reduced to a very fine powder, constitute a good mixture for the preservation of butter.

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testimony to the presence in early times of extensive glaciers in Brazil. The vegetation of the Amazonian region consisted in part of tropical forests, which, unlike our forests, did not contain a glacial element of the same, but grouped various trees.

And the Concert to be Given at the WABASH AVENUE RINK, CHICAGO, ILL., SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1867.

Every other Ticket draws a Prize. Tickets, \$1 each; five for \$4.50; ten for \$8; twenty for \$17.50.

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THE ASPECT OF THE AMAZON. A Lecture by Professor Louis Agassiz, in Brooklyn.

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MILLINERY, TRIMMINGS, ETC. SPLENDID OPENING OF FALL AND WINTER STYLES.

CLOTHING. SWAB'S STATES UNION CLOTHING HALL, No. 606 MARKET STREET.

AMUSEMENTS. [For additional Amusements see Third Page.] IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE PEOPLE.

Kelley's Grand North American PRIZE CONCERT. TIME FIXED TO AWARD THE PREMIUMS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC. SENGORBUND GRAND MASKED BALL, JANUARY 21, 1867.

MANAGERS. Joseph D. Ellis, No. 325 N. Third street; Jesse B. Walker, No. 400 Fourth and Chestnut; F. J. Water, No. 272 S. Third street.

MEDELSSOHN SOCIETY'S FIRST GRAND CONCERT, AT MUSICAL FUND HALL, ON SATURDAY EVENING, January 12, 1867, AT 8 O'CLOCK.

AUCTION SALES. B. SCOTT, JR., AUCTIONEER, No. 1028 CHESTNUT STREET.

THE SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANY, The Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company, for the Safe Keeping of Bonds, Stocks, and Other Valuables.

USE THE "BRONCHOIDS" For Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Catarrh, Chronic Bronchitis, Sore Throat and Lung, Etc. Etc.

SOLE PROPRIETOR, JOHN C. ALLEN, JR., SEVENTH and SOUTH Streets, PHILADELPHIA.

DRY GOODS. PRICE & WOOD, N. W. Corner EIGHTH and FILBERT, HAVE JUST OPENED.

One bale of Domestic Flannels, 21 cents; same goods as have been selling at 45 cents.

PRICE & WOOD, N. W. CORNER EIGHTH and FILBERT, No. 229 North NINTH Street, ABOVE RACE.

Waltham Pillow-case Muslin, 25 cents; 5-4 Bleached Muslin, extra heavy, 25 cents; 5-4 Bleached Sheetings, 25 cents.

White Goods. One bale all-wool Flannel, 33 cents; Best yard-wide Bleached Muslin, 25 cents.

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HOOP SKIRTS. 628 LATEST STYLE, JUST OUT OF THE PRESS.

CURTAINS, SHADES, ETC. RICH LACE CURTAINS. The Subscribers have now in Stock, and are receiving from the late AUCTION SALES IN NEW YORK.

Nettingham Lace Curtains, French Lace Curtains, SHEPPARD, VAN HANLINGEN & ARRISSON, 9 14 WINTHURP, No. 1008 CHESTNUT STREET.

INSURANCE COMPANIES. UNITED STATES BRANCH OF THE LIVERPOOL AND LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY.

From December 1, 1865, to December 1, 1866, in conformity with the law of Pennsylvania.

Authorized Capital, \$10,000,000. Paid-up Capital, 1,958,760. Total Amount of Assets (Gold) 15,888,080.

STATE OF NEW YORK. We it remembered that on this 31st day of December A. D. 1866, before me, the undersigned, a Commissioner in and for the State of New York, duly commissioned and authorized by the Governor of Pennsylvania to take acknowledgment of Deeds and other writings, to be used and recorded in the State of Pennsylvania, and to administer oaths and affirmations, personally appeared ATHERDELL PELL, Esq., President of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, and he declared to me that he had examined the statement of the condition of said company on the day and an assistant that they have severally invested to the amount of \$1,695,393-71, that I have examined the securities now in the hands of the company as set forth in the foregoing statement, and the same are of the value represented in the statement.

Directors in New York. FRANCIS COTTRELL, Esq., Chairman. HENRY GRINNELL, Esq., Deputy Chairman.

ATWOOD SMITH, General Agent for Pennsylvania, No. 6 MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA.

H. & A. C. VAN BEIL, General Agent for Pennsylvania, No. 1310 CHESTNUT STREET.

H. & A. C. VAN BEIL, FINE OLD SHERRY WINES, For Families and the Trade, No. 1310 CHESTNUT STREET.

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